



TOWN OF  
*LaGrange*  
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Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the LaGrange Town Council met at 6:00 pm, at the LaGrange Town Hall.  
(Also available via Zoom)

**Council Members Present:** Raymond Hoover, Fred Romer, Carolyn Glick, Diane Cameron and Josh Shotzman,

**Also present:** Laurie Miller, Bill D. Eberhard, Jr

President Hoover opened the meeting at precisely 6:00 pm.

Member Romer motioned to approve the agenda with flexibility, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Romer made a motion to approve the minutes from May 16, 2022, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLERK:**

- Presented Transfer of Appropriations Resolution #2022.06.06, to transfer MVH appropriations within the MVH fund in the amount of \$70,000.00. Member Glick motioned to approve the transfer, Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussed the request from the Saint Joseph River Basin Commission to have a donation of \$1030.00. This is the same amount as donated in 2022. Member Cameron made the motion to approve the request, Member Romer made a second to the motion. Motion carried.
- Requested the Council set a work session to discuss 2023 Budget needs. The session was scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> directly after the regular meeting.

**WASTEWATER:**

- Requested W. Spring Street be considered for a street project to correct a sanitary sewer line issue.

**WATER:**

- Updated the Council of the Water Treatment Plant construction, Union Street reconstruction progress
- Working on getting the fountain installed at the Splashpad. The Street department poured concrete slab for that and under two new benches at the Skatepark.

**FIRE:**

- Presented a report of details worked for May.
- Found a fire truck that the department is interested in. Mack Grobis traveled to Illinois to inspect the vehicle. The fire department is asking the Council to consider purchasing the vehicle in the amount of \$425,000.00. It is current on all arial and pumping tests, has new tires, is a 2006 KME 102' Platform Ladder with less than 10,000.00 miles. A discussion of why the truck is for sale and how it will benefit the department took place. Both Clay and Bloomfield Township Trustees were present at the meeting and are in favor of the purchase. After the discussion Member Glick motioned, in pursuant to the special purchase I.C. Code 522-10-5 to move forward with the purchase of the truck. Member Romer seconded the motion. Motion carried with Member Josh Shotzman abstaining from the vote. The Township Trustees requested that the townships be included on the purchase agreement.

**POLICE:**

- Presented quotes for two new police vehicles as follows for a 2023 Chevy Tahoe
  1. Kelley Chevrolet (Fort Wayne IN) \$42,720.00 each
  2. Jim Stykemain (Sturgis MI) \$42,930.00 each
  3. Ben Davis (Auburn IN) \$43,450.00 each
  4. Tom Naquin (Elkhart IN) \$43,230.00 each

A discussion was held on the purpose of purchasing a SUV rather than a car. Member Shotzman made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Chevy Tahoe SUV's from Kelley Chevrolet in the amount of \$42,720.00 each. Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Reported that Detective Nick Martin has been approached by the Department of Homeland Security to work on their local ICAC Team (Internet Crimes against Children). Council would like to see the details of the job prior to approving the request.

**STREET:**

- Set benches at the skate park and working with the water department pouring a concrete pad for a water fountain at the splash pad
- Uncovered a sidewalk on the east side of N Sherman Street between W Factory and W Steuben St. It does need some work for it to be useable. Council President Hoover asked the Town Manager to get quotes to repair it.
- We had a sinkhole develop on W Spring Street over a damaged sewer line. The hole was large enough to close the street for safety. API has since made the repair
- Received a quote from the County Highway to do buggy rut repairs on Townline, from US20 south to the town boundary. The price was \$7,021.00. Member Romer made a motion to approve the work, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PARK:**

- Reminded the council of the "Second Saturday" event on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion on food trucks at the park. Need to set a public hearing to see how the local restaurants feel about the idea. The current ordinance will need to be amended if the council decides to pursue the practice.

**TOWN MANAGER:**

- Presented Pay Application #4 from HRP for Walnut Street in the amount of \$140,218.18. Member Romer motioned to approve the pay application, Member Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Presented Payment #11 from Ottenweller Contracting for the Water Treatment Plant construction in the amount of \$250,663.46. Member Romer motioned to approve the payment, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Gave an update on the Hometown Heroes project. As directed, they contacted NIPSCO to approve hanging banners on poles in town. At the current time, it appears that NIPSCO will not allow it, due to a state regulation on utility poles. They have granted the Town permission to continue with the Christmas lights and current banners, but have stated that they will not allow for any additional use.

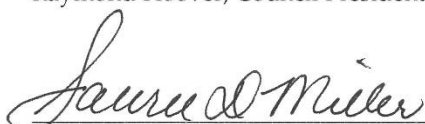
**ATTORNEY:** Working on various projects with the Town Manager and Clerk

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Citizen asked about the weeds in the empty lots (former Family Dollar/Gould Sports) downtown. The Police Department is working with the property owners to clean up the area.

**ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:** Member Romer made a motion to approve claims, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Member Romer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Glick seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

  
Raymond Hoover, Council President

  
Attest: Laurie D. Miller, IAMC, CMC  
Clerk Treasurer